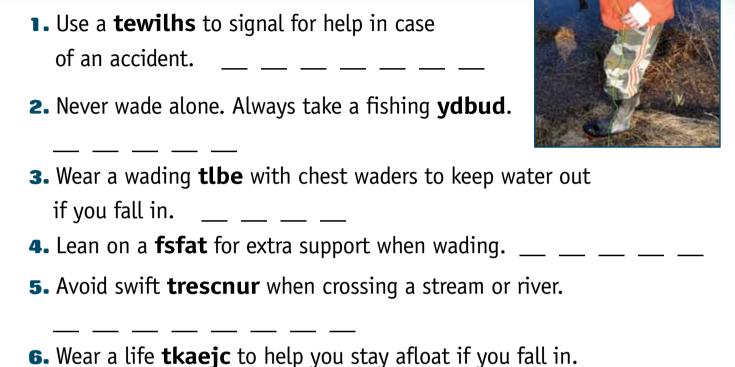
Wacky Wader Safety Word Scramble



Safety is always a concern when heading out on a fishing trip. Watch out for the following hazards.

Steep banks – Steep or undercut banks provide great fish habitat, but they can also be dangerous. If you can't avoid them, be careful, and wear a life jacket. The life jacket will cushion a fall down a steep bank and keep you afloat until you get out of the water.

Dams – Powerful currents flowing over a dam are too strong even for the best swimmer. They are dangerous, so stay away. There are plenty of other places to go fishing.



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Litter – Look out for rusty nails, broken glass and other sharp objects. Watch for fishing line that can tangle and trip you. Keep your shoes on, and look before you walk. Also, be careful before sitting down on a stream bank.

If you know that you are going to fall while wading, sit down. You may avoid injury as a result of trying to catch yourself on the way down. Keep your knees bent and lift your feet up to keep some water out of your boat. Then, carefully recover and head to shore if needed.

Enjoy your shore and wader fishing, and remember to be safe.

ANSWERS

1. whistle; 2. buddy; 3. belt; 4. staff; 5. currents; 6. jacket.